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Welcome page

Our last MG comp in Yorke Peninsula was sponsored by Greg Payne from **Extreme Boardriders** at Glenelg. Greg sent us an email saying "it sure was an amazing turnout and I heard nothing but positive comments all round. Well done to all the committee, judges and organisers. It's a pleasure to be involved with Microgroms and I look forward to continued ties"

We're excited to announce Comp 5 will be sponsored by
Rusty FCS & Sunbum.

All grades to meet at **Middleton point at 8am on Sunday 26th June** unless otherwise stated by your comp director. Check Facebook and Microgroms website for any changes.

Microgroms Major Raffle

We would ask each family to take 1 book of raffle tickets (\$50 per book) and sell them to their friends and family. This will bring much needed funds into your club. With fantastic prizes valued at \$1000. Tickets can be purchased at the next comp.

Calendar Date changes

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, date changes have been necessary in the MG calendar to accommodate for Berry bay, Rip Curl grom search and Wahoo comps. Please take a look at the dates on the next page.



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Judging

The Surfing SA judging course date has been proposed for Saturday 16th July. Any parents wanting to attend the course, please contact Matt Baillie on 0459 025200 or email [m i Baillie@yahoo.com.au](mailto:m_i_Baillie@yahoo.com.au). We welcome all parents to take turns with judging in all the grades. It might seem a little daunting, so this course could be just what you need.

Committee members

There is still a position for IT support available for the 2016 season. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone, please contact a member of the committee.

Welcome Mel Freeth as club secretary and Lou Sturt, as committee member who nominated themselves and the committee voted to accept their nominations.



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2016 Calendar

Event	Date	Meeting point
Come 'n' Try	7 March (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #1	21 February (February)	Middleton
Comp #2	17 April (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #3	1 May (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #4	28 May (Saturday)	Yorkes (Jetty Car Park)
Comp #5	26 June (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #6	24 July (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #7	21 August (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #8	25 September (Sunday)	Middleton
Comp #9	15 October (Saturday)	Yorkes (Jetty Car Park)
Comp #10	20 November (Sunday)	Middleton
Presentation Night	11 December	TBC

Event	Date	Meeting Point
Junior State titles Round 3	7 th & 8 th May	Middleton
Berry Bay Surf Jam	5 th & 6 th November	Yorkes
Rip Curl Grom Search	12 th & 13 th November	Yorkes
Wahu	26 th November	Yorkes

* Some of these dates may be Subject to Change *

** Please go to <http://www.surfingaustralia.com/sa/events.php> for details **



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A Grade Comp 4 report

A Grade Comp Report #4, Pondie, Yorkes . 28 May 2016.

What a turn out from the A Grade crew for this Yorkes comp. A great effort from everyone, who made the Microgrom pilgrimage to this wonderful part of Australia. Pondie was the pick of the day. The swell had picked up after the initial look in the morning to the delight of all the groms.

9 A-Boys, 10 A-Girls and 14 A2's took part in the comp, so we knew it was going to be a long day, but the sun was shining, and there was plenty of free surfing to be had as breaks around the comp peak were all working. We were also joined by 4 local groms (Digby, Conner, Grace and Aurora), always good to see the relationship between the Microgroms and the Yorkes surfing community going from strength to strength. While the committee ladies were cranking up the BBQ and the judging tent was being erected, there was opportunity for the groms to get a quick practice surf in before it all got underway.

During the day, fun was had by everyone in the heavy shore-break and the girls even found a discarded raft to play on in the surf (they had a ball). It's always good to challenge the groms with bigger and different surf in these comps at Yorkes, and Pondie certainly didn't disappoint, with big set waves rolling in, steep takes offs to conquer and the gnarly shore-break to deal with. I think everyone caught waves, which meant commitment and determination from all. The girls had to take a few on the head, as it seemed the biggest sets of the day always came through during the girls heats. Grace and Aurora stood out in the girls, taking the big drops and making great bottom turns. Imi's great spurt in confidence lately shone through as she paddled onto waves and Olivia was stoked to catch a few on her first time at Pondie. Nice to see Amy and Alex for the first time this season, who both showed us great surfing and put big scores onto the scoresheet. Yasmin did it again, taking out the comp by catching the winning wave 1 second before the final horn went off. She again showed us why she is club champion so well done Yazzy, you are a great personality to have in the Microgroms club. The A2's proved to be a close contest with some stand out surfing. You could see it on their faces as they went down to the beach to paddle out that every one of them wanted it, and with that attitude it produced a great competition. Noah took out the first heat and surfed well proving how consistent he is and making it to the final before taking 3rd place. Clayton won both of his heats, but just missed out on the final, he surfed with power and finished his waves well. Shay had a great day with his borrowed board from the Extreme Boardriders and came out



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A Grade Comp 4 report cont

with 4th place. Harry and Digby were on par with each other with both producing some huge hacks and imaginative surfing. Digby just missed out on tucking into a barrel, if only he had put on the brakes it would have been a huge score. In the end Digby proved successful and won the final.

Well done to all the A2's, they were pretty pleased with themselves on what they achieved especially Jasper, Jared, Clayton, Cameron and Lane. The A Boys put on a tremendous show of true grit surfing. Caspian making turns high off the lip, Brad taking big drops and getting frustrated with the close outs and Khi finishing well from good turns off the top. Brave award of the day goes to Jake for surfing in those conditions while still wearing his neck brace, what a trooper. In the end it was Levi who dominated the peak, he made his trademark move after he had produced a massive hack creating the best spray of the day. What a wave that earned him 'wave of the day' and 1st place.

Results –

A Boys – 1st Levi - 2nd Caspian - 3rd Khi - 4th Brad

A Girls – 1st Yasmin - 2nd Alex - 3rd Grace - 4th Aurora

A2's – 1st Digby - 2nd Harry - 3rd Noah - 4th Shay

A special thanks to Greg and Extreme Boardriders for sponsoring and presenting great prizes to the finalists. Also thanks for bringing down some boards to try out.

Thanks to everyone that helped out during the day. It surely was one to remember and a great one to go out on. If you don't know I am moving interstate so this is my last comp as director. I can honestly say it has been a privilege to be a part of this great club. My Groms, Olivia and Cameron have had such a great time over the last four years and have made some great friends. I would recommend anyone to get involved in Microgroms as it is going places with the effort that the committee is putting in at the moment. Wayne Elliott is taking over from me for the time being so "BE KIND"

Thanks again

Andy



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B Grade Comp 4 report

Yorke Comp; B Grade

What a great day. Kids got to spend time with friends and got to meet some other surfers from Yorke and make links.

It was super cool for Tim (C Grade) and myself to hold C and B grade together at Berry Bay South and share parent judges! A big thanks to all who made it the great day/night it was.

Could we have asked for anything more; sunny day, offshore wind and perfect sized 2ft swell... Well Ok... I will ask, next time can the bank have a rampy launch section and can the offshore last till well after the end of the comp, so us parents can score sick waves too. Stefan and Cairnsy know what I'm on about!!!

So back to it.

Highlights;

Consistent wave riding on the inside reforms on her forehand by Lola. Maddie pushing herself and trying different craft, and finding success through effort on the inside reforms too!

Groms playing in the rock pools and frothing!

Sick, critical under the lip attack by a horizontal Ed on a great left.

Radical, mute grab rail to rail cutty from Amos on the right into the rip next to the rocks.

Great sparring between Tai and Ed and Amos on the left out the back in the semi's.

Poppy's beaming smile while helping with then flags on the beach.

And enthusiasm from all competitors.

Placings; 1st - Ed 2nd - Tai 3rd - Amos 4th - Indi

See you all at the next comp

Nick

B Grade Comp Director



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C Grade Comp 4 report

Microgroms C-Grade: Competition 4

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Date: 28th May

Surf Location: Yorke Peninsula

Weather conditions: sunny 23 degrees, wind 0 knots

Swell size: waist to shoulder height (grom)

Number of competitors: 10

Competition report

The conditions for C Grade surfing were near perfect at Yorkes. The sun was smiling happily at Berry Bay South, no wind and the surf was one foot white water. The idealic condition put everyone in a jovial mood.

For the first time this year, we shared the beach and break with the B Grade surfers. The two comps were run concurrently. Each Grade took turns at running two 20 minute heats. The 40 minute break gave the groms, new to Yorkes, the chance to free surf and build confidence in the water.

Once again all the Groms were chomping at the bit to get in the water. Zack and Kian paddled out for their first Microgroms comp. Zack turned out to be a prolific wave magnet, banging out his maximum 10 wave count before the 15 minute mark.

Khai took the brave move and paddle out for his first Yorkes surf. He struggled to get a wave in his first heat. However, he managed to clock up four waves in heat 2. This was an awesome effort from one of our younger groms and a great boost to his confidence.

Phoebe was another young grom who found the Yorkes break challenging. She too conquered her fears by paddling out to compete with her fellow surfers. This was the first time Phoebe had competed for 2 years. Phoebe showed great courage and persistence hence, received the Comp Director's award for perseverance.



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C Grade Comp 4 report cont..

At the end of the day Sammy took out first place overall with the highest 2 heat scores. This was Sammy's first Yorkes comp. He was a bit apprehensive at first, lacking confidence in his surfing abilities and lack of local knowledge. That was all shoved out the window after winning his first heat followed by a win in his second heat.

Huge thank you to sponsor GREG and his team at EXTREME BOARDRIDERS for providing prizes for all the C Grade surfers.

Results:

1st Sammy - 2nd Zack - 3rd King - 4th Maia

Tim Taite

C Grade Competition Director



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Competition Information

Please remember that the Club does not run Competitions based on age. They are run on individual ability and confidence. As such, Members can compete in any division they choose to and whilst members have the opportunity to participate in any Club Competition, no one is compelled to surf if they feel that the conditions are unsuitable.

Please make sure that your child is financial before they compete in their second comp.

A reminder to all parents or guardians, it is your responsibility for your child's safety and you must attend all contests that their child enters. If you cannot attend a particular event, at which you allow your child to compete, you must organise transport and supervision for your children and do so at your own risk.

If you are not going to be there on time, please let a committee member know so you can get your name put down on the Entry List. It is each member's responsibility to put their name down by 8:15am so that the Contest Director can have the heats drawn ASAP. If your name is not down, you may not be able to surf. Parents of young children, please help them with this process.

All members & parents are reminded not to surf in the contest area as points may be deducted at the next Comp. Competitors please leave the competition zone after their heat has finished.

Parents are asked to help with judging when their children are not involved. When your child is competing parents are reminded to stand 10m away from the judging area as we encourage all heats to be judged fairly & without any influence.



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Other Information

Surfing SA

We would like to highly recommend becoming a member of Surfing SA, if you aren't already, as it will give you the personal insurance you need whilst you are surfing.

This year MicroGroms can offer a discounted rate to join Surfing SA. The Membership fee will be \$30.00 representing a saving of \$25.00 against the normal fee of \$55.00

Please remember that MicroGroms does **NOT** cover you for personal injury, the Club provides Third Party Insurance only.

Please contact Craig from Surfing SA on 08 8384 1126 or craig@surfingsouthaustralia.com.au to check if you are a current member of Surfing SA and for membership cards.

Please also visit <http://www.surfingaustralia.com/sa/> for details of State Titles, forthcoming Coaching & Development Squads and details of any other planned Events.



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